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How to have a happy Valentine's Day

BY ESAU LOLIS
SCOUT STAFF

Every February we celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging flowers, candy and cards with those we love and admire.

Valentine's Day is celebrated by most from youth to adulthood. As kids, our parents bought us multiple Valentine's Day cards for school which we stuffed in envelopes and handed to everyone in class along with a piece of candy. Some of us set aside one special card for someone we admire.

We celebrate Valentine's Day in honor of Saint Valentine.

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served in Rome during the third century. The emperor at that time, Claudius II, decided that single men made better soldiers than those who were married.

With this thought in mind, he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death, he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.

Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...Feb. 14 has been the day to celebrate love for a long time, dating back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentine's Day ranks second

only to Christmas in the number of greeting cards sent.

A big Valentine's Day icon is Cupid. In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. The Latin word 'cupido' means desire. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love.

The first American-made Valentine's cards were crafted by a Mount Holyoke College student, Miss Esther Howland. Her father, a stationer in Worcester, Mass., imported valentines every year from England. Esther, however, decided to create her own valentine messages. According to legend, around 1830 she began importing lace, fine papers, and other supplies for her

valentines. She employed several assistants and her brothers helped market her "Worcester" valentines. As one of our first successful U.S. career women, her sales amounted to about a hundred thousand dollars annually--not bad for the 1830s.

As adults, we have many ways of letting that special someone know how much we care about them.

We've all heard that perfect planning creates perfect results. It is true. Be smart and plan the day out, from breakfast to dinner. You may start the morning with a special breakfast which includes heart-shaped pancakes.

Place a Valentine's card in a place you know your significant other will look but not expect to see a card. He or she will appreciate

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BARBARA COPELAND

I'll be lonely, missing my husband who is deployed in Iraq.



SPC. DAVID GENERAL
634TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
BATTALION

I am sending flowers, balloons, candy and stuffed animals back home to Minnesota to my wife and four daughters.



BERT RHODES
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RETIRED

I am going to smother my wife with flowers and candy.



2ND LT. CALVIN ROE
COMPANY B 305TH MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

I will spend a good dinner with my wife, and re-up for 15P flight operations specialist

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New tax scams surface *Target Soldiers' families*

SCOUT REPORTS

The Internal Revenue Service is warning military members and their families about two new scams.

This first involves a telephone caller impersonating an IRS employee. The caller tells a family member that she is entitled to a large refund, say \$4,000, because her relative is in the armed forces. The caller then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage and handling. As part of the guise, the scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number as the call-back number in order to make the call seem legitimate.

Sadly, the family member just provided the scammer with a shopping spree thanks to their newly-acquired credit card number. Genuine IRS employees will never ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

The second scam uses e-mail as the medium to

trick their victims. Spammers send out e-mails that appear to be from the IRS. This deceptive e-mail however, contains links to a non-IRS Internet Web page that seem perfectly legitimate and asks for personal and financial information. This information could be used, and often is, to steal the user's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts.

The IRS will not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

In another scam, the scheme promoters sent out fictitious bank correspondence and phony IRS forms in an attempt to trick the recipients into disclosing their personal and banking data. The scheme promoters then used the information to impersonate the taxpayer and gain access to their finances.

Genuine IRS forms do not ask for sensitive personal and financial data except in very special circumstances.

These are hardly the first scams involving impersonation of an IRS employee or misuse of the IRS name.

For example, scammers have impersonated IRS agents by going to taxpayers' houses to "collect taxes." Genuine IRS special agents, field auditors and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact the taxpayer before they visit.

These schemes are investigated by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which guards against the misuse of the IRS name, insignia, seals and symbols.

Taxpayers who are on the receiving end of one of these scams should contact the TIGTA by calling the toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484, faxing a complaint to 202-927-7018 or writing to the TIGTA Hotline, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center opens the TRADOC Culture Center

SCOUT REPORTS

Military and civilian dignitaries celebrated the opening the Training and Doctrine Command Culture Center Monday, marking another hallmark of training excellence for the Fort Huachuca Intelligence Community. The event was marked by a ceremonial ribbon cutting with a reception and tour of the center located at the corner of 5th and Bartow in Sierra Vista.

The keynote speaker was Maj. Gen. Barbara G. Fast, commanding officer of Fort Huachuca and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center. Other dignitaries in attendance were Dan Johnson, chief operating officer of Anteon Corporation and Rick Mueller of the Sierra Vista City Council.

ANTEON is one of the three contractors that work developing curriculum for the Army's cultural awareness training. Their principal roles are design and

development of cultural awareness materials and they conduct train-the-trainer sessions with Army units. They are also forming partnerships with other government and academic institutions.

Remarkable photographic displays line the hallways as one enters the brightly lit work space. Walls are covered with intriguing posters and murals depicting scenery that would rival a National Geographic exhibit. Foreign artifacts such as hookahs (water pipes used in the

Middle East), elaborate tea sets and scores of reference books with indecipherable markings line

shelves of the scholars working there.

USAIC&FH has been designated as the cultural awareness training proponent for the Army. Accordingly, the Center has been tasked with developing some of the most forward thinking curriculum to prepare the intelligence professional for key cultural awareness skills necessary to perform their duties. The

in-house scholars and subject matter experts continually research

and develop cultural awareness matters for hot spots and other areas of interest around the world.

"Cultural awareness is among the Army's highest training priorities; in short, it is a true combat multiplier," said Fast.

To give our forces every tool necessary to succeed in the field, the educators at the Center will equip deploying units with a level of cultural awareness that will ensure they have that extra edge to excel at their missions. Training will also be provided to other Army schools and partners with other organizations, agencies and schools.

The TRADOC Culture Center employs 23 cultural awareness experts and education specialists, 18 linguists, four Ph.D.s and many individuals with master's degrees. Combined, this team of experts has more than 100 years of military and civilian experience in the Middle East.



NETCOM/9th ASC Command Sgt. Major change of responsibility ceremony

SCOUT REPORTS

The United States Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command will conduct a change of responsibility ceremony at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow on Brown Parade Field.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Desjardins will relinquish his

responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Harbolt.

Immediately following the change of command ceremony, a retreat ceremony for Desjardins will be held at the same location.

Harbolt, who has been the command sergeant major of the 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany, for the past two and

a half years, is a career signal Soldier with almost 28 years in the Army.

After almost four years as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Signal Command and NETCOM/9th ASC, Desjardins, who has 30 years of service as a signal Soldier, is transferring to the Pentagon to work in the

Army's Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6 as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Army Signal.

For more information about the change of responsibility ceremony, call (520) 538-8012, (520) 538-8609, (520) 538-8684, or (520) 227-4299.

Black History Month: Many made history outside spotlight

BY SPC. CHRIS STEPHENS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

We have all heard the stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Jackie Robinson, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Booker T. Washington.

No doubt each of these people deserves a place in history. They each fought for a cause and ultimately changed the face of our nation.

But, I want to take a look at some African-Americans who don't receive headlines like those above. These people have also made an important contribution to history. They're just not as widely known as they should be.

Sgt. Carney earned Medal of Honor

Sgt. William H. Carney was the first African-American to receive the Medal of Honor. He was awarded it for his actions on July 18, 1863 at Fort Wagner, S.C. while he was a member of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment in the Civil War.

During the battle, Carney noticed that the man carrying the American flag was wounded. So Carney bravely rescued the flag and carried it for him.

He delivered it safely to his regiment and reportedly shouted,

"Boys, the old flag never touched the ground."

The movie *Glory* depicts the struggles and hardships members of the 54th endured during the Civil War.

Although it doesn't exactly point Carney out, it depicts the battle at Fort Wagner and shows the sacrifices



Gen. Benjamin O. Davis pins the Distinguished Flying Cross on his son, Lt. Col. Benjamin Davis Jr. U.S. Air Force photo

the men of the 54th made for freedom.

Davis pioneered path for pilots

Next is Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who was shunned at West Point for four years. Other cadets would only speak to him for official reasons. He had no roommate and ate his meals in silence. Those who caused this shunning had hoped to drive Davis from the academy, but

their actions only made him more determined to succeed.

He graduated 35th out of 276 in the class of 1936. Upon graduating, he became one of only two African-American line officers in the U.S. Army at the time – the other was his father, Benjamin O. Davis Sr., who was also the first African-American to attain the rank of general.

The younger Davis was one of the first five African-Americans to graduate from training at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and become pilots in the Army Air Corps. He later commanded the 332nd Fighter Group during World War II.

While based in Italy, the group flew over 200 bomber escort missions. Through all of the missions, the 332nd never lost one bomber to enemy fire.

Williams performed open-heart surgery

Daniel Hale Williams is another African-American who made history.

On July 9, 1893, James Cornish was injured in a bar fight, stabbed in the chest with a knife.

By the time he was transported to Provident Hospital (which Williams established two years earlier) he was getting closer and closer to death, having lost a great deal of blood and having gone into shock.

Williams was faced with the choice of opening the man's chest and possibly operating internally,

which was almost unheard of in that day in age.

Internal operations were unheard of because any entrance into the chest or abdomen of a patient would almost surely bring with it resulting infection and therefore death.

Williams made the decision to operate and opened the man's chest. He saw the damage to his pericardium (sac surrounding the heart) and sutured it, then applied antiseptic procedures before closing his chest.

Fifty-one days later, James Cornish walked out of Provident Hospital completely recovered and would go on to live for another 50 years.

Many more made history

These are only three of a handful of African-Americans who created history in our country. There are so many more people who completed famous firsts.

For instance, Vanessa Williams became the first African-American Miss America in 1984; Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American to receive an Oscar for her supporting role in *Gone With the Wind*; and Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to sit on the Supreme Court.

Many more made contributions that have helped make our country what it is today.

(Editor's Note: Spc. Chris Stephens edits the Indianhead newspaper for the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.)

Drought raises fire danger

BY THOM WILLIAMS
SCOUT STAFF

Spring and summer are the times of year in Arizona when hot dry conditions combined with gusty wind turns the vegetation into fuel for wildfires. Consequently federal, state and local agencies are gearing up for what could be the worst fire season in history.

This year the conditions are particularly bad, according to the National Weather Forecast Office. Since last December, Sierra Vista has received just five percent of its normal rainfall and this section of Cochise County has been declared to be under severe drought conditions.

"This is the driest it has been in recorded weather history in terms of vegetation and fire danger," said

Kyle Molloy, meteorologist and field engineer with the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Electronic Proving Ground.

While the weather is great for tourists and snowbirds, the ground in Arizona is parched and much of the vegetation is extremely stressed.

"As dry as it has been, we are at the point where we would normally be in May or June," said Frank Hammond, forester with the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division. "We've got trees dying from drought stress."

During a year with normal precipitation, the peaks in the Huachuca Mountains would be snow covered. Further north, Phoenix is currently undergoing its longest dry spell in history, while ski areas near Flagstaff have not opened this year because of

a lack of snow.

Molloy blames the jet stream for pushing storms that come out of the Gulf of Alaska extremely far to the north this year, bringing plenty of moisture to the Pacific Northwest but depriving Arizona of its normal winter rains.

Seattle on the other hand recently approached a record with 27-consecutive days of rain.

"Weather is cyclical because it runs dry years and it runs wet years and right now we are in a dry period," Molloy said.

"There is evidence that if you go back a hundred years here you'll see like every 10 years we are going to have a drought."

Molloy went on to say the summer monsoon rains are a little below average but what really is causing the drought is the lack of winter rains.

"The last time we had any measurable precipitation here was Oc-

tober 13 and that was one one-hundredth of an inch which is nothing," he said.

Hammond recommends residents of Fort Huachuca and people outside the gate keep brush and fine fuels such as grass cleared away from buildings and not to stack firewood near home as ways of lowering the chance of being caught in a fire.

He also urges people who use Fort Huachuca for work and recreation to be especially careful with smoking material and to report smoke sightings to Military Police or Fire Dispatch.

Automobile catalytic converters also pose a fire hazard. While a car engine is operating, the catalytic converter on the bottom of a vehicle becomes red hot. When a driver pulls a vehicle off the road into tall dry grass, the catalytic converter ignites the grass. On a windy day with low humidity, the resulting fire can

spread rapidly and be catastrophic.

Lightning generated by summer thunderstorms during the monsoon season can also spark wildfires.

According to the instruments at the EPG weather station, Fort Huachuca took 44,000 lightning strikes last July and August.

Molloy added that there is no immediate relief from drought in sight.

The long-term forecast is warmer than normal and drier than normal for the next six months.

The Huachuca Mountains are currently full of fuels for wildfire, because fires in the past have been fought aggressively and the natural cycle of burn and re-grow was interrupted.

Forest fires once burned at regular intervals removing dead fuels and smaller vegetation from forests. From the turn of the century to the late 1900s, all wildfires were suppressed, which led to an unhealthy fuel buildup.

Hammond said that the Yellowstone scenario has made land management stewards reevaluate the way they manage public lands.

“The Department of the Interior was into preservation more so than conservation so they managed the resources differently,” he said. “The fuels built up over time and when they did get that fire in the dry year it was catastrophic, so everybody is kind of rethinking things.”

Hammond also said he is planning controlled burns in the mountains of Fort Huachuca in the near future.

“We’re trying to accomplish our burns here to help keep the fuels down,” he said. We’d rather control it than to fight it wild.

“If we have a wildfire in the higher elevations with heavy fuel areas and it meets all the criteria fuel moistures and energy release points, which would be like we are doing a prescribed burn, we could let it creep and watch it within a contained area,” Hammond said.

“That’s our best hope at this point, to try and reduce some of the fuels. Otherwise the only other way to do it is mechanically and that is pretty expensive.”

Fort Huachuca has a cooperative agreement with the U.S.D.A. For-

est Service that keeps an engine and crew on post to augment the Fort Huachuca Fire Department during the initial attack of a fire.

Hammond went on to say the helipads strategically located in the mountains of the fort have been cleared of brush and vegetation to facilitate landing by fire fighting aircraft. Maj. Stewart Thompson, U.S. Border Patrol Air Operations at Libby Army Airfield provided tactical and logistic support for the clearing operation.

Libby Army Airfield is also home to an air tanker base. Base personnel load fire fighting slurry into large aircraft, retrofitted crop dusters and helicopters deployed to Arizona for the wildfire season.

The fort is about 73,000 acres total, with about 28,000 acres of forested mountains. The post shares approximately 21 miles of common boundary with the Coronado National Forest and about six miles of common boundary with the Bureau of Land Management, according to Hammond.



Photo by Frank Hammond

Anthony Crone, a firefighter with the Fort Huachuca Fire Department, tends to a controlled burn in the Huachuca Mountains last year. Officials from the post Environmental and Natural Resources Division hope to have more burns like this in the near future to reduce the amount of fuel in the mountains to lessen the potential for wildfire.

Fort Huachuca celebrates African American History

BY ESAU LOLIS

SCOUT STAFF

Every February the nation opens its doors to a chapter of history for celebration in an effort to remind and educate America about its sometimes forgotten past.

"I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that honor the significant contributions African-Americans have made to our Nation," said President George W. Bush in a Jan. 27 proclamation proclaiming Feb. 2006 African-American History Month.

Fort Huachuca shares in the time honored tradition by setting aside special times to hold and honor heroes.

This year's theme for African American History Month is "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions.

The 11Th Signal Brigade will host, "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions," Wednesday Feb. 22 at Cochise Theatre from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"This year our focus is to bring the organizations in Sierra Vista together here on Fort

Huachuca," said Sgt. 1st Class Anisa Jones, 11th Signal Brigade equal opportunity advisor.

Jones is coordinating the celebration and said it is going to be a spectacular event one wouldn't want to miss aimed at, "celebration and education."

The celebration will feature local black fraternal, social and Civic Institutions such as the Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha

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Sgt. 1st Class Anisa Jones

Kappa Alpha.

Thom Stoney, President of the Southwest Association of Buffalo Soldiers, will give a presentation on preserving the Army's first and only black officer's club here at Fort

Huachuca.

A tribute will be made to honor Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

There will also be a step show and poetry reading.

The Menu for the celebration will be "Soul Food." Some may wonder what soul food means. Jones describes it as, "... food that brings people together." Whatever the meaning, most can agree that soul food is very tasty.

When asked why it is important to celebrate African-American History Month, Jones said, "It's important to have any observance to promote cultural awareness. We have different cultures and diversities within our organizations and everyone doesn't always understand each other.

"The more we come together to educate and celebrate, the more together and diverse our organizations will become."

President Bush stated "As we celebrate National African-American History Month, we recognize the many contributions of African Americans to our country and reinforce our commitment to be a Nation of opportunity and hope for every citizen."

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the thought and the surprise as well. Choose a Valentine's card that reflects your relationship. Try making a card yourself. It comes across as more thoughtful and sincere than a store-bought card and it works.

Here at Fort Huachuca there are many things to do for Valentine's Day to let someone know they are special.

The Morale Welfare and Recreation Division offers several special Valentine's Day activities. These are listed on page A22 in today's "Scout."

Take a nice stroll in Garden Canyon under the beautiful Arizona sun holding hands while enjoying the crisp breeze and scenery.

Go for a long romantic drive and watch the sunset from Reservoir Hill. The hill is known for its breathtaking views of the mountains and local area.

Selecting the perfect something for your

valentine can sometimes be hard and frustrating. You can never go wrong with flowers and candy. The only time is when he or she is allergic to either chocolate or flowers.

One thing you should definitely do before selecting a present is to think about the message you want to send. Valentine's Day is one of the most opportune times of the year, so there are many messages to choose from. Some messages include: I have some making up to do; Will you be mine?; Will you marry me?; Thanks for being the best; Is there romance tonight?

The gift should reflect the message you want to send. For instance, to give a lovely pearl necklace sends a message of thanks and appreciation.

Few people can resist a sweet, cuddly huggable teddy bear.

Valentine's Day is often thought of as a time for women. But contrary to popular belief, most

men also welcome gifts and flowers.

Some people may not be able to celebrate Valentine's Day with their loved ones because their sweetheart may be deployed. Not to worry, there are plenty of things you can do to show that you care.

One of the best feelings while deployed is to get something special in the mail. Receiving it on Valentine's Day just makes it all the more special. If you haven't mailed anything, don't fret. E-mail is great, too. Send a special e-mail message to let your Soldier know you care. Video and voice recordings are also great ways to send messages to your loved ones.

Make sure you have completed all errands and anything else that could disrupt your special time. Have a happy Valentine's Day.

Editor's note: Portions of this article were taken from the "Scout" archives.

B/86 Wolfpack derives its strength from its Soldiers

BY 1ST. LT. ANDREA-BERNADETTE PRATT
11TH SIG BDE PAO

Wolves are fiercely loyal to their mates. They have a strong sense of community and work as a team, yet they can each be as lethal and brave by themselves as they are in a pack. As Rudyard Kipling, author of "The Jungle Book," wrote, "The strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

This is certainly the case for the Wolfpack of Bravo Company, 86th Signal Battalion. The company is home to several special Soldiers – fiercely loyal to their unit, with a strong sense of community. They work as a team, yet are individually brave and have achieved exceptional feats on their own accord.

Pvt. John Fraley is the youngest Soldier in the entire 11th Signal Brigade. "I was in basic (training) two weeks after my 17th birthday, and it feels good to be the youngest," said Fraley, "I entered the Army to get a grasp on leadership, and I think the Army is the best venue for leadership in the world ... that's why I joined the Army." Ready to be a leader and step out on his own, Fraley says he talked to other Soldiers before requesting Fort Huachuca. He wanted to join the Brigade so that he could deploy. "I want to see real world missions...the Army in action...this is what you do in the Army."

At 17, Fraley is more adventurous and brave than other teenagers his age. He looks at his upcoming deployment without a flinch. He will deploy with the 86th Signal Battalion later this fall, and he is eagerly looking forward to the upcoming experience.

Joining Fraley in the deployment will be two Noncommissioned Officers, Sgt. (P) Alberta Cole and Sgt. Shelby Hanning. Both of them are single mothers who will have to leave their children behind. Cole will leave 8-year-old Montineze, 7-year-old Nycholas, 5-year-old Shavonne, and a 5-month-old infant, Donovan. Hanning will leave behind her 8-year-old son, Colton and 6-year-old Madison.

"I deployed to Iraq in 2004," said Hanning, "my son is really supportive of me and thinks what I do is really cool, but he doesn't like it when I leave." For Cole, this will be her first deployment and her children are "proud but worried."

Cole served two tours in Korea. One was a command-sponsored unaccompanied tour. The other was not command sponsored, meaning she had to make arrangements on her own and pay for her children's plane flight, child care, housing and other expenses out-of-pocket.

"When I arrived here (at Fort Huachuca) I was seven months pregnant," added Cole, "I had three kids, guest housing was full, and I had to stay at a Motel 6 for two weeks." She was new in the area so she initially had no friends or contacts. Her household goods didn't arrive for another eight months and she had to pay for child care off post. She only received slots for on-post child care after more than eight months of being on a waiting list.

Hanning says being a single mother in the Army has been "hard as hell," but she's been able to push through on her own and be successful. "It's been an uphill battle...but it's paid off in many ways," adds Hanning. "Having a command that understands I'm a mother first has made my new assignment one of the best yet." She's never had a problem with family care plans and her children don't have to come second to work. Although every now and then she's seen initial stereotypes and judgments against single mothers, Hanning says once people get to know her and see her work that there aren't any problems. Hanning has worked especially hard to provide nice things for her children. She had to take out three different loans to get her house off post.

Despite all of the arrangement issues and independent problems the two single mothers have had to deal with, they both agree that B/86th has been a great unit very supportive of their needs and family time. The Wolfpack community is considerate of family value. "This is definitely a family ori-

ented unit," said Cole, "everyone here is completely understanding of the importance of family."

Family, however, is not something every Soldier gets to bring with him or her to a new unit.

Sgt. Eliana Agurto hasn't seen her family since she came to America four years ago. Once an Ecuador-

This is definitely a family oriented unit. Everyone here is completely understanding of the importance of family.

Sgt. Alberta Cole

ian naturalizes as a U.S. citizen, he or she gives up Ecuadorian citizenship and can only visit the country for six months each year. Agurto became a U.S. citizen in June 2005.

"When I took the speaking portion of the naturalization test, a retired Air Force Colonel asked me if I worked for the Army," said Agurto, "he asked me if I could recite the Soldier's Creed and asked me Army questions like the General Orders. Then he asked me if I believed everything in the creeds I said, and of course I said yes!"

Pfc. Maria Santiago also naturalized as a U.S. citizen in October 2005. Santiago is a single parent originally from the Dominican Republic who came to America when she was twelve years old. "It makes me proud to serve the country that's given me the opportunity to provide a better life for my family," said Santiago, "it makes me proud to represent the country I am a citizen of." Santiago will deploy with the Wolfpack later this fall. She is proud to be an American citizen and she is proud to deploy with the Wolfpack.

Not only are the Wolfpack Soldiers fierce and independent in everyday affairs, but they are capable of shining among their peers by distinguishing themselves in competition.

Last year, Sgt. Robert Zlotow was selected as the 11th Signal Brigade Noncommissioned Officer of the Year as well as the Network Enterprise Technology Command NCOY. The competitions were

intense, according to Zlotow, "I was shocked to win...there were so many quality NCOs from all over the world competing."

Not only did B/86th produce a winner last year, but this year Sgt. Jaime Aparicio won the 86th Signal Battalion NCO of the Quarter for first quarter of FY06, the 11th Signal Brigade NCOQ, 1st Quarter FY06, and the Fort Huachuca NCOY 2005 Board. "It's been very humbling," says Aparicio. "One of the main missions on this post is to train Soldiers, so it's been very humbling." In preparation for the competition boards, the company set up a mock board. "I really wasn't ready," says Aparicio, "but 1st. Sgt. Sanders impressed upon me the importance of not just competing but putting forth my best effort to represent myself and my unit as best as I possibly could."

Aparicio must have done just that to be recognized by Fort Huachuca. His parents flew in from Washington D.C. to watch the awards banquet on Feb. 1 recognizing Fort Huachuca Soldiers and civilians of the year. "They are very proud of me," said Aparicio.

The company commander, Capt. Robert Volk, says he is "...very proud of all the Soldiers in Bravo Company. They exemplify the total Soldier concept and go well beyond the call of duty. The Wolfpack is a family."

With only 67 Soldiers in their company at the time, they raised more money for the Combined Federal Campaign last year than any other unit on post.

The company had six Leadership Excellence awards (Capt. Robert Volk, 1st. Sgt. John Sanders, Sgt. 1st. Class James Halvorson, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Rutledge, Sgt. Jaime Aparicio, and Spc. Wilson Rawlings).

Volk's Soldiers work equally hard in both their personal and professional lives, according to company leadership. They work to see the success of the Wolfpack and are ready to deploy as a team.

The strength of B/86th Wolfpack is in the Soldier, and the strength of the Soldier is in B/86th Wolfpack.

MI School instructor seeks blood stem cell donor

SCOUT REPORTS

Robert Martinez has worked for the Army for almost 30 years, and has performed many duties. Eighteen of those years were spent on active duty. During those years, he served in the Artillery, Signal, and Military Intelligence Corps. He lived his most cherished moments while serving as a first sergeant, a duty that turned out to be less a duty and more a labor of love, a way of life.

In the course of a lifetime, one only becomes really good at just a few things. During this lifetime, Martinez is known for his skills as a husband, a father, a teacher, and a Soldier, according to his family.

Since 1994, when he retired, Martinez

has continued teaching at the Military Intelligence School, mostly courses in the 33 series military occupation specialty. For the last several years, he has been teaching the Air Force Tactical Receive System, a course designed for United States Air Force active duty, reserve and guard officers and enlisted personnel, and DA civilians.

Throughout his life, whether he was an electronics technician, a Soldier, or a leader, Martinez has been a teacher, and he feels blessed that he can continue teaching.

Martinez has been married for 40 years, has two sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter.

It was during these later years that Martinez contracted

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of cancer arising from lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell. It is named because of its distinction from Hodgkin's disease, a particular subtype of lymphoma.

Lymphomas may develop in any organ. Most cases start with infiltration of lymph nodes, but specific subtypes may be restricted to the skin, brain, spleen or other organs.

Diagnosis of lymphoma requires a biopsy of involved tissue. Treatment of low-grade lymphoma may be supportive, while high-grade non-Hodgkin lymphoma is typically treated with chemotherapy and often with radiation therapy, according to his doctors.

Over the years, Martinez has had

three separate series of chemotherapy, and radiation. Recently, his cells were extracted before he started the last series of chemotherapy, to ensure they were not tainted. But, the stem cell transplant, using his own cells, did not work.

This is a last resort. His only cure now is a blood stem cell transplant, but he needs a matching donor. Unfortunately, no one in his family matched. Because he is Hispanic, the matching donor will most likely be Hispanic; still, there is a possibility that a Non-Hispanic donor

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Robert Martinez, Air Force Tactical Receiver System instructor, shows his students what to expect when the system is powered up and working properly. The AFTRS course is designed for USAF active duty, reserve and guard officers, enlisted personnel, and DA civilians.

The Huachuca Hot-Shots make a bang in Tucson

BY RENE DUBE

On Jan. 21 a local trap, skeet, and sporting clays team, the Huachuca Hot-Shots, participated in a Scholastic Clay Target Program Fun Shoot at the Tucson Trap and Skeet Club in Tucson, Ariz.

From the local team, a total of 12 young adults and their parents, along with six instructors participated in this event.

Since April 2005, a group

of young adults ranging in age from 10 to 17 have been participating in a shotgun program at the Sportsman Center on Fort Huachuca that involves learning the art of breaking clay targets in the shooting sport disciplines of trap, skeet and sporting clays.

The shooting and teaching are overseen by a group of 23 certified instructors. The local group has signed up nearly 50 youth, with squads being formed and bi-monthly shoots held at the Sportsman Center.

The Scholastic Clay Target Program was developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. It offers young men and women in grades five through 12 the opportunity to compete as squads in skeet, sporting clays and trap for state and national championships as well as college scholarship money.

The program is designed to instill in participants safe firearms handling, commitment, responsibility, leadership and teamwork. Nearly 40 states and 6,000 youth participate. In Arizona, the Arizona Game and Fish Department oversees the program with funding coming from taxes on Indian gaming. Currently, more than 400 young adults are signed up, with more than 90 instructors being certified by the department, statewide.

The 12 members of the local Huachuca Hot-Shot team that participated in the Tucson Fun Shoot took home 17 medals. One hundred and thirty youth participated from all over Arizona. The Arizona program has started two years ago, but the Sierra Vista group has only been together since April 2005. The Sierra Vista youth are relatively new to the Clay Target Program. The Tucson shoot was only their second competition endeavor.

During the shoot, the participants shot in three categories: trap, skeet and sporting clays.

The team that participated at the Tucson shoot consisted of:

Christin Crounse, David DeSplinter, Brielle Eaton, Brisden Eaton, Matt Lainhart, Sam Leiendecker, Bryan Millican, Charles Murray, Matthew Ojerio, Derek Tessman, Scott Usry and Lance Valencia.

Not only should the participants be congratulated on their excellent showing, but their parents as well, for taking the time to involve their children in a sport that teaches many necessary life skills.

This shoot is the second in a number of upcoming fun shoots that will give the participants an opportunity to be involved in competition. During March and April, the SCTP youth will compete in the state trap, skeet and

sporting clay competition with winners going to the national competition.

The Huachuca Hot-Shots are currently signing up youth in



Cara Baker readies her shotgun and prepares for the skeet to be pulled, at the Fort Huachuca Sportsman Center.



Photos by Rob Martinez

Samual Leiendecker loads his shotgun while he waits for Christen Crouse to finish shooting.

grades five-12.

Ammunition, shotguns, clay targets and hearing and eye protection will be provided to participants free of charge. The only requirements are for a parent, counselor or guardian to be there, and for participants to bring a hat or cap.

For more information about the program, contact Rene Dube at 378-6864.

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may match.

People can help Martinez and others like him by registering to be a marrow donor. Donors' names will be added to a National Registry of volunteer stem cell/marrow donors. According to the Registry, volunteer stem cell/marrow donors are registered for life, and although they may not match Martinez, they could match others in need of a transplant.

Donors are selected on the basis of their Human Leukocyte Antigens types and extensive compatibility testing.

HLA form the basis for recognizing and rejecting foreign tissues. Matching marrow recipients and their donors for their HLA type greatly increase the likelihood of a successful transplant. HLA genes are inherited. There are more than 20,000 marrow types in the general population. Therefore, the best match should exist within the patient's own fam-

ily. Unfortunately, only about 25 percent of patients needing a transplant have a matched family member, making it crucial to have as many potential donors, of all different races and ethnic background as possible, on file.

If a patient needs a marrow transplant from an unrelated donor, the Registry conducts a computerized search to identify donors with

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the same HLA type as the patient. The registry will then contact potential donors to find out if they are interested in pursuing the

second phase of testing. Arrangements are made to obtain additional blood samples to determine if full compatibility exists.

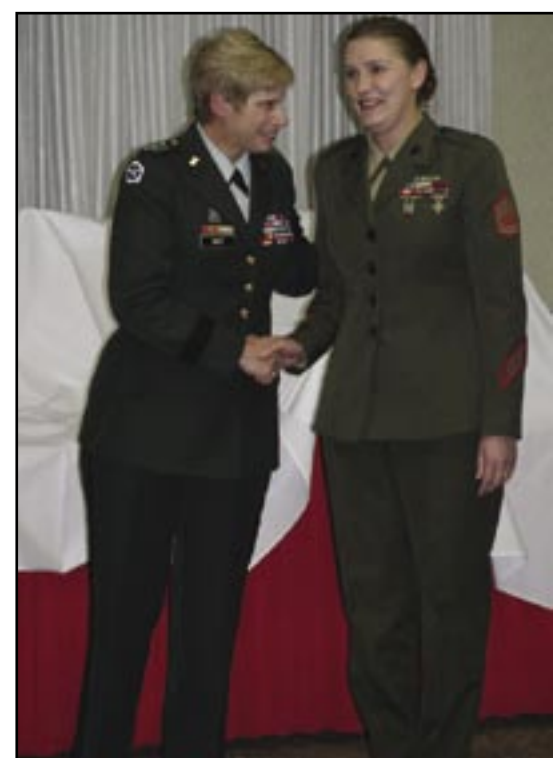
A donor drive will be held at 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, at Our Lady of the Mountains Church, 1425 Yaqui St, Sierra Vista. A second donor drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mar. 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 156 W. Kayetan, Sierra Vista, and a third one from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mar. 5, at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 800 Taylor Dr, Sierra Vista.

The Registry requires a \$25 tax-deductible tissue-typing charge for Caucasian donors. There is no charge for minorities and people of mixed race. Donors must be between the ages of 18-60, in general good health, have no personal history of cancer, heart disease, lung or respiratory illness, diabetes, serious back conditions or injuries, or history of high risk behaviors.

For additional information, contact Oscar Correa at 602-242-5459, 602-717-4917, or ocorrea@nmdp.org.



Photos by Brandy Ruiz



Annual Awards Ceremony

BY BRANDY RUIZ

SCOUT STAFF

"I'm in awe ... I'm overwhelmed here. This is, to me, the highlight of the year."

These were the words of Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general, United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, at the post annual awards banquet. The banquet was held Feb. 1 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

The evening began with the posting of the colors and an introduction by Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Sandstrom, the garrison command sergeant major here. The invocation was then given by Chaplain (Col.) Douglas Kinder, the post chaplain.

After Kinder blessed the event, the head table was introduced. Then there was a brief intermission for the attendees to fill their plates and their stomachs before the awards ceremony officially began.

Fast and Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Saunders, the Military Intelligence Corps sergeant major, along with Col. Jonathan Hunter, the garrison commander, moved to the front of the room to help with handing out the awards.

The presentation began with the Civilian of the Year award, which was given to Tony Black, a program manager with the Information Systems Security Program.

Next came the Instructor of the Year award. The four nominees were introduced and asked to stand before the winner was announced.

"Although only one of you will be

named the 2005 distinguished instructor of the year, each of you reflects the highest standards of excellence. You truly are the best of the best," Sandstrom said as he prepared to announce the winner.

Gunnery Sgt. Hope Brice, an instructor for the Advanced Morse School, was the winner in this category. Along with being named the distinguished instructor of the year for 2005, Brice also received the Knowlton Award. This award was presented to her by Dennis Schmidt, vice president, Military Intelligence Corps Association.

"The Knowlton award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Intelligence in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients, their superiors, subordinates, and peers. These individuals must also demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence and serve the Military Intelligence Corps with distinction," explained Schmidt.

"Gunnery Sgt. Brice demonstrated outstanding commitment and abilities highlighted by her selection as the Fort Huachuca instructor of the year. Her efforts to provide the best possible instruction to the next generation of intelligence professionals will be a lasting contribution to the Military Intelligence Corps," said Schmidt.

Volunteers of the Year were the next awards presented, and they were presented in three separate categories – military, civilian and youth. The military winner was Master Sgt. Matthew Miller, who has volunteered nearly 650

hours of his time to Boy Scout Troop 421 this past year. Christine Henry was named the Civilian Volunteer of the Year.

"In recognition of her superb volunteer service to the 86th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group, Village Meadows Baptist Church, Fort Huachuca Main Post Chapel and the Coronado 4-H Club, Christine Henry's leadership and dedication to serving others contributed immensely to the different organizations she's worked with," said Sandstrom.

"The last, and certainly not the least, volunteer category we are recognizing tonight is the youth category. These young people are the future of our volunteer services. They are already embracing the volunteer spirit and are contributing to all of us from a very young age," he said.

The youth award was given to Kristen Short, who has contributed her time to FRG meeting and the Girl Scouts.

The Marine of the Year award was given next to Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Kroto, while the Air Force Airman of the Year award and the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award were given to Senior Airman Stephen Brown and Staff Sgt. Danielle Bryant.

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Moore was the next winner. She was presented with the Drill Sergeant of the Year award.

"Drill sergeants hold a position of great responsibility and are responsible for shaping and molding our youngest Soldiers. They carry huge amounts of responsibility and have equally as great patience. You have to truly love

Soldiers to perform this difficult duty day after day," Sandstrom remarked as Moore was presented with her awards.

Spc. Loni Duenas-Showers was presented with the Army Soldier of the Year award. The crowd was impressed to know that Showers' mother was also a Soldier of the Year recipient here at Fort Huachuca many years ago.

As for the awards ceremony, the Army NCO of the Year award was the last to be presented. Sgt. Jaime Aparicio was the recipient of this award. As his name was announced, a group of his friends and coworkers stood and cheered for their colleague.

Those 11 awards were the highlight of the evening, along with the speech given by the guest speaker, Fast.

"Our services are all represented right here," she explained. "We have a wonderful armed force ... all this is is a microcosm of the great Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines we have here."

"We were (also) able to honor the selfless service of the volunteers," Fast said.

Fast's speech was the beginning of the end of the evening. Once she finished congratulating the evening's winners, Sandstrom acknowledged the evening's sponsors and Hunter provided the closing remarks. The colors were retired, and then the evening was over, although the winners remained long enough to be congratulated by their friends, families and coworkers.

The night was a pleasant one for all attendees.

"It doesn't happen any better than we have here at Fort Huachuca," said Fast.

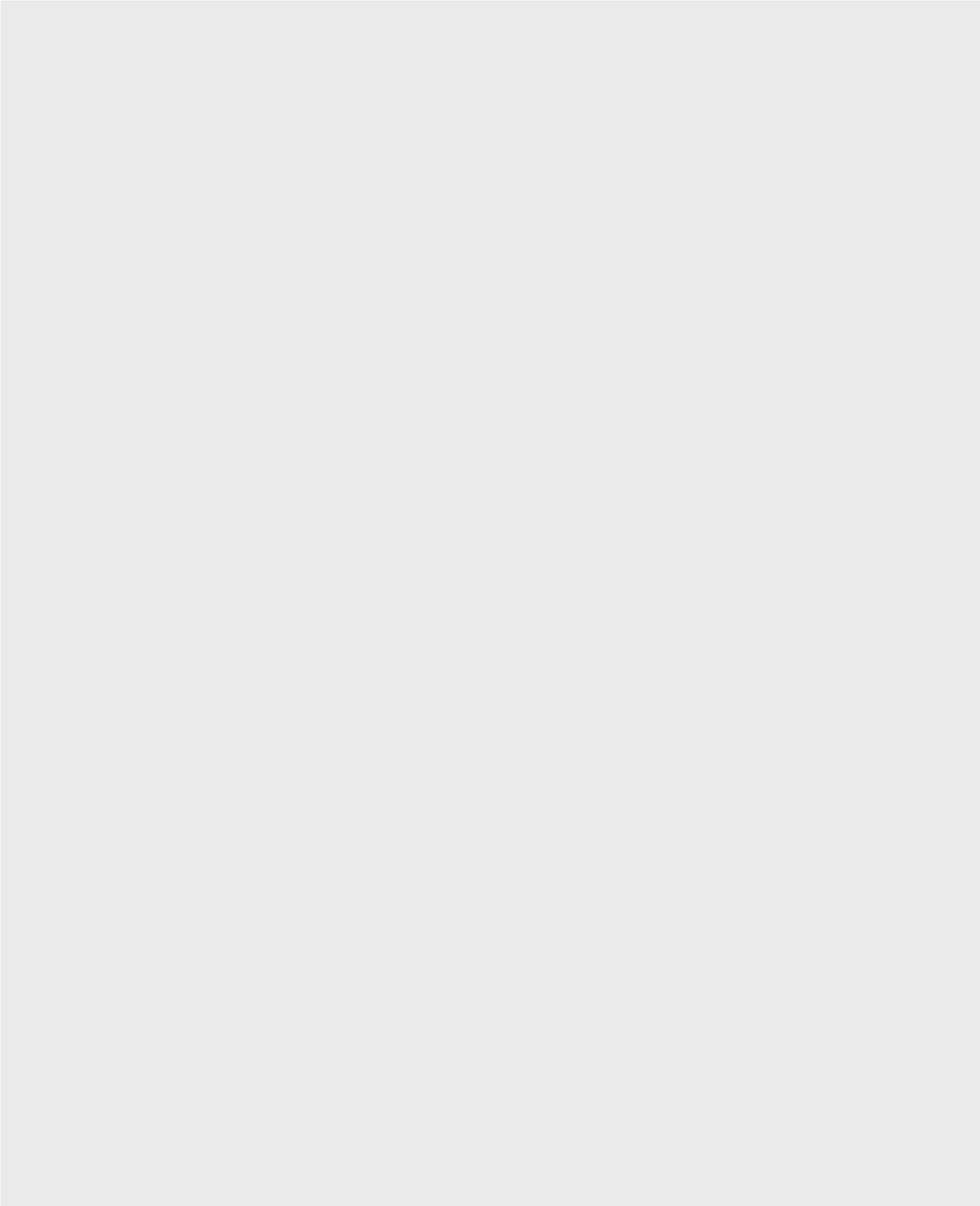


Winners list

Civilian of the Year
Instructor of the Year
Volunteers of the Year

Marine of the Year
Air Force Airman of the Year
Air Force NCO of the Year
Drill Sergeant of the Year
Army Soldier of the Year
Army Soldier of the Year

Tony Black
Gunnery Sgt. Hope Brice
military – Master Sgt. Matthew Miller
civilian – Christine Henry
youth – Kristen Short
Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Kroto
Senior Airman Stephen Brown
Staff Sgt. Danielle Bryant
Staff Sgt. Tiffany Moore
Spc. Loni Duenas-Showers
Sgt. Jaime Aparicio





Service News



Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Spc. William S. Hayes III, 23, of St. Tammany, La., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 5, of a non-combat related injury. Hayes was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Cornett, 33, of London, Ky., died in the vicinity of Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Feb. 3, of injuries sustained earlier that day while engaging enemy forces. Cornett was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

1st. Lt. Simon T. Cox, Jr., 30, of Texas, died in Taji, Iraq, on Feb. 2, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M2A3 Bradley. Cox was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regi-

ment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Cpl. Jesse M. Zamora, 22, of Las Cruces, N.M., died in Bayji, Iraq, on Feb. 3, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Zamora was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Sean T. Cardelli, 20, of Downers Grove, Ill., died Feb. 1 from enemy small arms fire while conducting combat operations near Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Spc. Anthony C. Owens, 21, of Conway,

S.C., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 1, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using grenades and small arms fire. Owens was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Scott A. Messer, 26, of Ashland, Ky., died in Ashraf, Iraq, on Feb. 2, when his HMMWV accidentally rolled over during convoy operations. Messer was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

The incident is under investigation.

Three soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 1, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. The soldiers were assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Bri-

gade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Garrison C. Avery, 23, of Lincoln, Neb.

Spc. Marlon A. Bustamante, 25, of Corona, N.Y.

Pfc. Caesar S. Viglienzzone, 21, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Cpl. Walter B. Howard, II, 35, of Rochester, Mich., died in Balad, Iraq, on Feb. 2, of injuries sustained earlier that day in Ashraf, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M1 Abrams tank. Howard was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.



Deputy Commander for Health Services, Col. Teresa Parsons, along with Capt. Catherine To, used a sword to cut the Army Nurse Corps Birthday cake in celebration of its 105th birthday Feb. 2, at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Army Nurse Corps tradition calls for the unit's most senior and junior nurse officer to cut the cake together. Parsons filled the honor for Raymond W. Bliss Army Hospital Commander, Col. Susan Annicelli, who was away on temporary duty.

Celebrate with your 'Valentine' and MWR

Instead of giving candy or flowers, MWR has a unique gift suggestion for Valentine's Day. Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will offer the "Sweethearts Trail Ride," for couples only, 3 - 5 p.m., Sunday.

The two-hour ride will wind through the beautiful Huachuca Mountains and return to the corral.

Reservations must be made by close of business Saturday, and may be held with cash, check or credit card. The ride will be limited to 10 couples, so make your reservations now. Cost of the ride is \$30 per couple.

For more information, call 533-5220. Buffalo Corral's regular hours of operation are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jeannie's Diner, will offer the following Valentine's Day special: purchase one meal at regular price and get a second meal, of equal or less value, for half price. The offer is for dining in only -- no take-out.

Please note: The Valentine's special at Jeannie's is NOT available all day, as was previously stated on this page. Thank you for your understanding.)

Jeannie's Diner is located near the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets, inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center. The facility is open seven days a week.

Be sure to check out the different lunch specials offered Monday - Friday at Jeannie's.

For more information, call 533-5759.



Make reservations now for 'Parents' Night Out'

Reservations are being taken now through Feb. 21 at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center for Parents Night Out.

Parents Night Out gives parents the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves, knowing that their children are safe and secure.

Child and Youth Services will offer child care, from 6 to 10 p.m., Mar. 4 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center.

The cost is \$3 per hour for the first child and \$2.50 per hour for each additional child. Reservations and registration are required.

For more information or to register, call the CER Office at 533-0738.

BB, VB courts at Eifler FC closed

The basketball and volleyball courts at Eifler Fitness Center are closed for resurfacing now through Feb. 17.

For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-4723.

Register for Little League Baseball

Registration for the Fort Huachuca Little League Baseball Program, for youth ages 5-14, is now in progress and will continue through Mar. 15, at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center.

Cost is \$40 for one child and \$32 for each additional child. For more information, call Youth Sports at 533-3205 or the CER Office at 533-8168.

West Gate 10K run set for Sunday

MWR, along with the Thunder Mountain Running Club, will present the West Gate 10K Run beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday.

The run will start at the west gate of Fort Huachuca. Transportation to the west gate will be provided for entrants from Eifler Fitness Center.

The run is open to everyone. Cost is \$5 per person, or \$3 for TMRC members. Ribbons will be awarded to participants. Registration will take place on the day of the run.

For more information about the race, call Paul Valentine at 459-1281.

For more information about transportation to the west gate, call Mick Gue at 533-4723.

Photography class starts Feb. 16

A basic black and white photography class will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2 and 9, at the MWR Arts Center. Cost of this class is \$50 which is due at time of signup.

The Arts Center regularly offers a wide variety of classes including the "Little Hands" arts and crafts program for children age 5 - 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays. Cost of this program is \$6 per class or \$10 for two classes.

"Kids' Thursday" classes, for ages 3 - 10 are held 3 - 5 p.m., Thursdays. Cost of the program is \$7.50 per child and all materials are included. Pre-registration is required.

Several other adult classes are also offered each month, including cake decorating, framing and matting, and jewelry fabrication, to name a few. For a complete list of classes, stop in at the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona Street.

For more information or to register, call Riki Tarquinio at 533-2015.

ITR has tickets for Renaissance Fest.

The MWR Information, Tickets and Reservations Office has tickets available for the 18th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival will be held 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., weekends, Feb. 11 - Apr. 2, at Apache Junction, Ariz. You can save by purchasing dis-

counted tickets for this event at ITR. Adult tickets are available for \$17.50 and children's tickets are just \$5.50.

Tickets for upcoming events at the Tucson Convention Center are also available at ITR, including: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5, Riverdance; Mar. 3 - 5, U.S. Hot Rods Monster Jam; Mar. 14, Allison Krauss and Union Station; and Mar. 14 - 19, "Dr. Doolittle." TCC tickets are available to purchase 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. only.

Now is the perfect time to make vacation plans for the upcoming spring break, and ITR can help.

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by the ITR Office, Building 70914, Irwin Street. The facility is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.

February special at MWR Rents

During February, MWR Rents is offering the following special: rent a 21 foot, covered pontoon boat for the discounted price of \$70 for the weekend.

MWR Rents is located in Building 70914, at the corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets. For more information, call 533-6707.

Come join the Mardi Gras fun!

Time Out is throwing a Mardi Gras Party, from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Feb. 24.

There will be munchies and beverages, prepared with a Mardi Gras theme. Carnival party favors will be given at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Slim.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. A costume contest will be judged by the audience, and two winners will receive \$25 gift certificates.

Admission is free before 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., there will be a \$6 cover charge. For more information, call 533-3802.



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The Scout TimeOut

11th Signal Chili Cook-off

BY PFC RACHEL BLACK
11TH SIG BDE PAO

The First Annual Chili Cook-off took place at the Thunderbird Dining facility on Feb 1. The DFAC was "jam packed" with hungry Soldiers waiting patiently to try different kinds of chili. The winner of the cook-off was Spc. Bruce Lee, 40th Signal Battalion, with "Sample B."

"I cooked the chili recipe twice last week," Lee stated, "I went to a chili stand and looked at chili and tried to find out what was in it ... I

bought all fresh ingredients instead of using cans because I wanted everything to be fresh." Though he said "I did everything myself," he thanked his co-workers for giving him some knowledge about chili. This was the first time he won an award from the military, and he said he will enter other competitions from now on.

Spc. Lee received the award Feb 2, from Col. Michael Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade Commander. Col. Yarmie credited the DFAC by saying, "I've been eating here since

1999 and I've seen it continue to improve. When in garrison and in the field, you've got to think outside the box and be creative ... chow is a combat force multiplier. There's nothing worse in the field than bad chow." He added that the chili competition was fierce. "This is a great privilege for me to present this, ... great job! Congratulations."

Command Sgt. Maj. Jackie Moore, Non Commissioned Officer's Academy commandant, presented a Certificate of

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Movies

"King Kong" plays at 7 p.m. today at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page B6.



Spc. Bruce Lee 40th Signal Battalion, middle, receives the award for best chili from Col. Michael Yarmie, left, 11th Signal Brigade Commander and Lt. Col. Andre L. Wiley, 40th Signal Battalion Commander.

Photo by Pfc. Charlotte Black

Fit For Life Selecting a personal trainer

BY GEORGE R. COLFER, PH.D.
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Physical fitness, like every aspect of society, has its trends or fads. Currently it is the use of a personal trainer to motivate and guide you to the ultimate in physical fitness. Some personal trainers will also add wellness and nutrition counseling to go along with your exercise regime. It's really all about what you want and needs to be accomplished. Sounds great doesn't it? But remember you will still have to do the work!

First of all it will cost. Trainers will charge anywhere from fifteen to five hundred dollars per hour. Most of the high dollar end train celebrities or work at very prestigious health clubs. One should be able to secure a capable trainer in the \$25 to \$50 dollar per hour range. In all fairness, the hour you train with them will not be the total time they put in. The planning of your program is based upon your needs, present condition and analyzing assessments and is done outside of the time spent with you.

There are pros and cons for the use of personal trainers. A well-qualified trainer can be an asset especially to a person with little knowledge of exercise and about how the human body functions. On the other side, a personal trainer is only as good as the knowledge they possess. This leads to the question: how does one acquire such knowledge and what qualifications should one have to become a personal trainer?

The usual response is certification, yet there are one-hundred-plus certification-type programs. Some are mail order or run over the Internet and require only written examinations, but no hands-on experience. Others may require four to eight hours

of class attendance and can usually be completed in one day or a weekend.

What does a personal trainer really need to be qualified? Two main factors stand out: Education and certification. The two certifications that are most respected are from the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the American College of Sports Medicine. A Bachelor of Science Degree in fitness-related areas such as physical education, exercise science, kinesiology or exercise physiology is a strong educational requirement. Another factor is experience in fitness or athletics and the ability to teach others as well as be able to motivate. A personal trainer also should practice fitness and be an example of fitness in both appearance and energy level. Would you take your automobile to be fixed to a mechanic whose own car didn't run?

What should you expect a personal trainer to know?

- One should have a good knowledge of anatomy, kinesiology and biomechanics.
- Knowledge about all types of exercise, not just weight training alone.
- How to assess individual needs and plan and develop personalized exercise prescriptions.
- Understanding of the needs of various age groups.
- Knowledge of nutrition and wellness practices.
- Rapport, personality and ability to motivate.
- Knowledge of the physiology of exercise.
- Ability to monitor goals and make changes as needed.
- Knowledge of injury prevention, first aid,

CPR and safety procedures.

J. Skill in exercise analysis which is the knowledge to break an exercise into joint movements and knowledge of the muscles that cause such movement.

K. Ability to teach, demonstrate, participate and guide others through various types of exercise.

What should the client expect?

A. A knowledgeable trainer who is well-organized and makes efficient use of time.

B. A trainer who understands their age group, needs and recognizes present fitness levels.

C. To have assessments taken before starting any program and further assessments to show progress.

D. To have a personalized exercise prescription.

E. To have individualized attention and guidance throughout designated time period unless it is a group session.

F. To receive safe exercise training with minimal risk and hazards.

What questions should I ask a prospective personal trainer?

A. What is your educational background and certification?

B. What experience have you had with my age group and gender?

C. What experience have you had with my program goals and needs?

D. What is your fee and availability?

E. What benefits will I gain from your services as a personal trainer?

If you think personal training can better help you achieve your fitness goals or if you cannot motivate yourself to sustain exercise, give a personal trainer a try. Keep in mind however, as with most things in life, you get what you pay for and your commitment is only as good as the effort you put into it.

Ask The Dietitian

The power of portion control

BY CPT JENNIFER L.
RODRIGUEZ
REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Find the quick fix. Look for the magic pill. Eat only one type of food. Don't eat carbohydrates. Advice for weight loss is everywhere and the more information the more confused we become. You've heard me say it before. The best way to lose weight is to balance the calories you eat with exercise. Eat fewer calories than you burn through exercise and you will lose weight.

Sometimes the confusion lies in not what we should eat but how much of it. We tend to feel obligated to fill our plate to the rim and clean that plate of

all morsels. Going out to eat is no help either. Super size, biggie size, sonic size, it's everywhere. Not only is the food high in calories to begin with, but we increase the amounts of the food and consume even more! Here are a few techniques to decrease the amounts of food we eat at home and out of the house. These are easy and may help you break through that plateau of weight loss.

Choose a smaller plate. The standard dinner plate is quite large and, like I mentioned before, we want to make sure the plate is sufficiently covered with food. It is a mental game we play. If the plate had less food on it we would feel as if we were starving. So, reach for that

salad plate instead. Then, even if you fill the plate, you are eating considerably less food which means fewer calories.

Use visual aids for estimating portion sizes. The "deck of cards" is approximately 3 ounces and is the best way to determine a portion of meat, chicken or fish. Your fist is about 1 cup and your thumb is about 1 ounce. Measuring cups would be the most accurate way to determine portion sizes, but these are not always handy. Visualize your food portions and decrease the amount of food you eat.

Share a meal or get a "doggy" bag. When you go out to eat, portions are much larger than what you may eat at home. Save some money and calories and split a meal with a friend. If you like different things, ask for a "to-go" container before the meal comes to the table. Put

half of the meal in your box and half on your plate. You just saved some calories and you have a meal for another time.

Select smaller sizes. Why not order the kids meal? This is a great way to cut back and you get a toy! What a deal! Most restaurants will also have an "ala carte" menu where you can select individual items. This gives you the power of choosing smaller items and may even save you some dough.

Eat less and move more. That will always be the best way to stay healthy and happy. Happy Eating!

Cpt. Rodriguez is a Registered Dietitian at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca. Send questions to jennifer.rodriguez1@us.army.mil.

Chalk Talk

Colonel Johnston Elementary School

The Students of the Week for Jan. 23-27 were Selena Perry, Anthony Rader, Kelsey Camps, Evan McWilliams, Kaci Willoughby, Marquis Bansiter, Cornelius Mitchell, Jacob Brummund, Breandan Tooley, Roberta McCarthy, Carlos Hill, Stephanie Washington, India Persaud,

and Catrina Stevenson.

Mrs. Clemente, Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Glow's second grade classes have enjoyed studying penguins and penguin habitats. The unit has included vocabulary enrichment, geography and map reading skills, art, and exposure to a variety of penguin literature. The children will end the unit with a polar treat and a penguin

hat.

There was a wonderful parade at school on Jan. 30. Many first grade classes concluded Chinese New Year celebrations together. Several teachers shared the zodiac calendar and explained that this is the year of the dog. Students were given chopsticks and sampled Chinese dishes. For dessert there were

almond or fortune cookies.

As we began the month of February many classes took a look at Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania on Feb. 2 to discover that we'll have six more weeks of winter weather. Though it is hard to think about winter weather in Arizona

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Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



*Countdown:
Sierra Vista turns 50 in
15 weeks*

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as

we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", February 9, 1956

A 'TAIL' OF A DOG – Louisiana Pooch Enjoys Army Life – CHIEF MASCOT OF 193RD SIGNAL COMPANY LEADS HAPPY LIFE RIDING IN JEEPS

Dog tired? "Ride in a jeep," says Freddie, mascot of the 193rd Signal Company RRUHF (Radio Relay Ultra High Frequency) here at the Army Electronic Proving Ground, Capt. Allan N. Hugo commanding.

Picked up stray and hungry by the men of the 193rd while on recent Louisiana maneuver "Exercise Sagebrush," Freddie, part German Shepherd and part conglomeration, has won the hearts of all the men in the company - and a back seat driver's license for the company vehicles.

"Loves to Ride"

"He loves to ride around post in the back of our 2 ½ ton trucks or in the back seat of our jeeps," commented Corporal Joseph E. Huth, Freddie's caretaker. Corp. Huth, a microwave repairman with the 193rd, was one of 10 men stationed at the Radio Relay Microwave Link site at Natchitoches, Louisiana during "Sagebrush."

When Freddie attached himself to the unit, the men

fed him scraps from the mess hall, and let him sleep in the squad tents when it turned cold. Upon their return to Fort Polk at the conclusion of the maneuver, they decided to give Freddie his "official" discharge papers, but the dog would have none of that.

An Army Career

He intended to make the Army a career, proving his point as he followed the unit's truck as it departed Fort Polk for Fort Huachuca. He was picked up by Corp. Huth and placed in the rear of the vehicle. When they returned to the AEPG, Freddie re-upped for an indefinite period of time, filling his own vacancy as Chief Mascot and Morale Builder.

Msgt. George H. Smock, 193rd First Sergeant, reported that Freddie's picture appeared on a Tucson television program, much to the surprise of the men who were watching the show in the Day Room.

When he was allowed the freedom of the company area, (he is kept on a 15-foot leash now) Freddie made all formations including reveille, was never late for chow, and took a turn at guard duty once in awhile. Somehow he managed to "bug out" of Saturday morning inspections, but when asked where he had been, all he would answer was, "RRUHF."

Arizona Tourist

Tubac Festival of the Arts

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The 47th Annual Tubac Festival of the Arts will be held on Wednesday through Feb. 12. The Tubac Festival is Southern Arizona's longest running art festival.

Festival booths will line the village streets, mixed among the 90-year-old shops, fine arts galleries and working artist studios. An eclectic variety of arts will be showcased including watercolors, oil paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, music, gourd art, photography, leather crafts, glass, clothing and wood.

The entertainment lineup includes cowboy fiddlers, barbershop harmonies, Azteca folk dancers, Mariachi music, art demonstrations, cooking demos and more.

For the animal lovers, the environmental education group HawkQuest returns to the Festival with their 'feathered staff', that includes a bald eagle, a great-horned owl, a red-tailed hawk and a kestrel falcon. Kids of all ages love the horse-drawn trolleys that shuttle visitors around the historic village.

Nationally-recognized Native American artist Amado Pena designed this year's commemorative festival poster and will be in attendance throughout the Festival to sign copies of his work. The poster artwork is entitled "Ella y Nopales" from Pena's Mestizo Series. Pena is widely known for his use of vibrant colors and bold lines. His work pays homage to the enduring landscapes and people of the Southwest.

A notable event during this year's festival will be the grand opening of the new Sculpture Garden at Tubac's Karen Newby Gallery on Saturday. This two acre outdoor exhibition area features monumental

sculptural works in a garden setting and is unique to southern Arizona. Twenty nationally-acclaimed sculptors will be demonstrating in the Sculpture Gar-



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den during the opening.

Even if you aren't an art lover, come for the food. There is something for everybody and the Festival

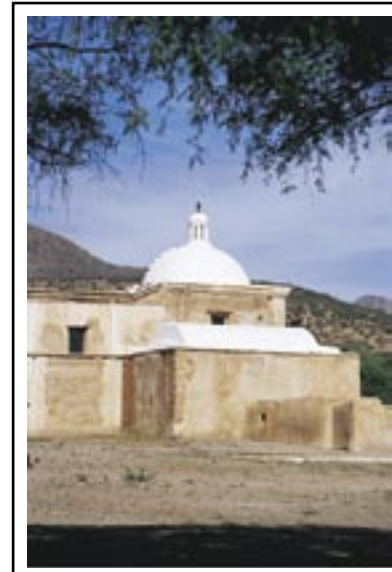
Food Court will offer ethnic treats such as Greek, Thai, Chinese, Native Fry Bread, Barbecue and Southwestern fare. For those who like the tried and true, all-American favorites like burgers, chili dogs, curly fries, funnel cakes, ice cream and cotton candy are available.

Visitors can take home treats such as gourmet pastas, spices, salsas, soup mixes, garlic specialties, jams, jellies and fudge.

Tubac is one of Arizona's most treasured historic areas and has continuously been inhabited for more than 11,000 years. Europeans first entered the Santa Cruz Valley when Jesuit missionary Father Francisco Eusebio Kino came in 1691 to convert the natives and build missions, ranches and farms. Abandoned briefly after the Gadsden Purchase of 1853, Tubac returned to life in 1856. Must-see historic sites include Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and Tumacacori National Park.

Located south of Tucson at Exit 34 on I-19, Tubac is a haven for art, history and nature lovers.

For more information, contact the Tubac Chamber of Commerce at (520) 398-2704 or visit their website at www.tubacaz.com.



FHCSC Annual Basket Auction

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The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club will host their Annual Basket Auction at 6:30 p.m. at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Wednesday.

The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, sweets, coffee and tea, for \$10. A cash bar will be available.

The auction will offer imaginatively themed goody-filled baskets to bid on. Silent and live auctions will take place. Last year there were 28 baskets. Some of the baskets up for auction this year include Date Night Basket, Golf Basket, Gourmet Kitchen Basket, Movie Basket, Car Wash Basket, Inspirational Basket, Death by Chocolate Basket, and Arizona Basket.

As part of the FHCSC's, We Care Project, February will focus on the Sierra Vista Animal Shelter. Donations are needed for Pedigree dry dog food, Purina dry cat food, clean and gently used blankets or towels, unopened peanut butter

and carpet squares/remnants. Donated items will be collected at the auction.

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is a non-profit, private organization that provides entertaining activities for its members, while providing community outreach to Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista area.

The FHCSC regularly contributes to the community through the monthly We Care project, Soldier support projects, and scholarships. The club also provides special activities such as the annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, the Holiday Tour of Historic Homes, and the upcoming Golf Scramble on March 4th that raises money for scholarships and disbursements for individuals and organizations in the local community.

Childcare is not available for evening functions. The FHCSC is open to everyone.

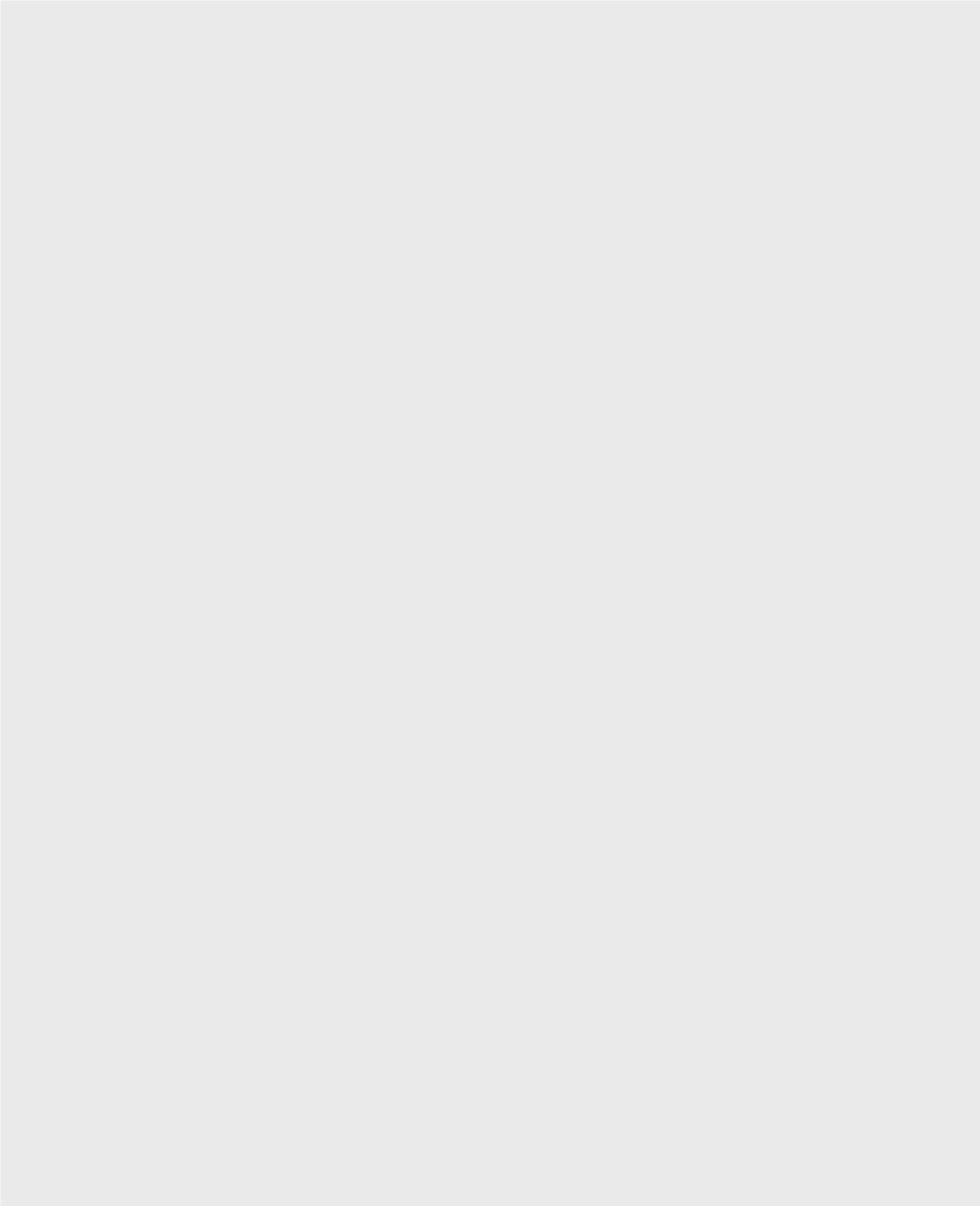
Reservation deadline is noon, Friday; please contact Victoria Glynn at 458-2475 or by email at victoriaglynn@cox.net.



Photo by Thom Williams

Tucson Sidewinders Pitcher Casey Daigle signs an autograph for Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Grego, Company Fox, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion during the baseball teams annual Winter Caravan at Warrior Field on Fort Huachuca on Feb. 1

Prior to the public appearance, five players, Manager Chip Hale and "Tuffy the Toro" paid a visit to the Gen. Meyer Elementary School where Robby Hammock, a catcher and infielder, demonstrated the proper technique to field a groundball, while Hale spoke to the fourth and fifth-graders. The Sidewinders then signed autographs for all the students.



Thunderbird DFAC Valentines dinner

The Thunderbird Dining Facility will sponsor a Valentines Day Dinner 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Meal card holders eat free; BAS- Military price for E-1 & above is \$3.55; dependents of E-4 & below, \$3.05; dependents of E-5 & above, \$3.55; DA civilians, \$3.55.

PTSD discussion group

Army Community Service will hold a discussion group concerning post traumatic stress disorder at 6 p.m., Feb. 21 at the ACS Building 50010.

PTSD is a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Coaches' meeting for CC Volleyball

The coaches' meeting for the 2006 Commander's Cup Volleyball Program will be held at 10 a.m., Monday at Barnes Field House. Units wishing to participate in the program should submit a letter of intent, with coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address at this meeting.

The program will be conducted at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., Monday - Thursday, starting Feb. 27 at Barnes Field House.

This is a recreational program, open to all authorized MWR patrons. For more information, call George Thompson at 533-0040 or e-mail: george.thompson@hua.army.mil

Fashion show

Fort Huachuca Main Exchange will be hosting a Fashion Show at 1 p.m., Saturday. The P/X will also be raffling a romantic dinner for two at the Mesquite Tree Restaurant, with Limousine services provided.

For information, please call 458-7830 x 124.

Black/African-American Month tribute and "soul food" meal

11th Signal Brigade Military Equal Opportunity Office will present "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions", from 10:30z to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at the Cochise Theater.

The tribute includes information displays, a poetry reading, a Step Show demonstration and reflections of history. Following, the Thunder Bird Dining Facility will offer soul food from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meal card holders eat for free. The price for E-1 and above is \$3.55. Dependents of E-4 and below eat for \$3.05, and dependents of E-5 and above for \$3.55. DA civilians pay \$3.55.

Coaches' meeting for CC Soccer

The coaches' meeting for the 2006 Commander's Cup Soccer Program will be held at 10 a.m., Monday at Barnes Field House. Units wishing to participate in the program should submit a letter of intent, with coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address by close of business

that day.

The program will be conducted starting Feb. 27 at Sentinel and Warrior Fields.

This is a major Commander's Cup sport. For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Commimssary scholarships for military children

The Fort Huachuca Commissary is accepting scholarship applications through Feb. 21. Scholarships for \$1,500 will be awarded to college-bound students or those already in college. Applicants must be valid military identification card holders, enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as military dependents and be 23 or younger.

Along with the completed application form, a student must submit a letter of recommendation from school, a copy of the school transcript, and an essay of 500 or fewer words on this subject: "If you could meet one great military leader present date or historical, who would it be, and why?"

Applications are available at the commissary or on the Web site at www.commissaries.com.

For information, call Mendez at 533-5540, ext. 3101.

Weekend and Holiday Clinic

The Weekend Holiday Access Clinic hours have changed. The hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends and Federal

holidays. The WHAC is designed to serve Active Duty and family members for acute minor illness and injuries only.

Fort welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome - newcomer's orientations - are scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday, and at 9 a.m., Feb. 22, at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community. A tour of the post is provided

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

FHCSC scholarship applications now available

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults in continuing education.

Scholarship applications are available now at the high school guidance counselors' offices or at the Fort Huachuca Post Library, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Fort Huachuca Education Center, and at the financial aid offices of Cochise College and the University of Arizona South in Sierra Vista.

Application submission deadline is March 17. Mail applications to FHCSC, P.O. Box 12202, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85670. For scholastic, citizenship and military-affiliation requirements, or for further information, call 417-0220.

Pets Of The Week



Pickles is an approximately 10-month old, loving, handsome black and white "tuxedo" cat. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



Gracie's pictures do her no justice! She is a Dalmatian and still a pup and is energetic and loving. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachuca.petfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

AFES

Today -7 p.m.

King Kong

PG-13

Friday

Munich

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Saturday -7 p.m.

Fun with Dick & Jane

PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

Fun with Dick & Jane

PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



From **SCHOOLS**, Page B2

where our winter has been warm and sunny, there was a science extension. Some classes focused on the study of shadows. Students learned about the rotation of the earth and marked their silhouettes on the sidewalks. While walking to the recess area, students traced their shadows on the cement and then revisited the same area later in the day.

Many classes have decorated Valentine's Day pillowcases that were sent to deployed military members to use as laundry bags or pillowcases. Johnston School students and teachers appreciate the Soldiers' service to our country and want them to know that they are our heroes.

Myer Elementary School

The new year has been a busy time in Kindergarten. Judy Smith's students have been writing stories about winter and reading new books. The students celebrated 2006 by having guest readers come in to read stories to them for 2006 seconds. Now they are learning about

their teeth and how to take good care of them. Many children are losing baby teeth and getting brand new permanent ones. In math, they learned about pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Now they are working on measuring. Students have a lot to do in February – learning about the presidents, Arizona, and of course, Valentine's Day.

During February, Theresa Sottilase's preschoolers are celebrating "Random Acts of Kindness" month. Whenever they are caught sharing, taking turns, or saying "please" and "thank you", their names will go on the friendship tree. They're also making Valentine cards and giving them to the ones they about. By playing name games, they're learning how to spell they're names. Next, we'll trace our first names, and then we will practice writing them on our own.

The Character Counts' ethical value for the month of February is Caring. Students are encouraged to be kind and compassionate, express gratitude, forgive others, and help people in need. Students are asked to dress in the color red (like a heart) for the monthly assembly, which

will be held on Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Parents who have questions regarding the Character Counts' Program or those who have any concerns about their child may contact Jan Camps at 452-4098.

Students have completed week 22 of the Magellan Running Club, with four running days. Each student receives one point for completing each 440-yard lap run. This week, all top fifth-grade girls earned 22 points each. The girls are: Ashley Laszok, Briana McCloskey, Erikka King, Hazel Grubbs, and Denali Readinger. The top fifth-grade boy was Tyler Dunstan with 31 points. The overall top fifth-grade class was Celina Mickle's class with a score of 355 points. In fourth grade news, all top runners completed with 42 points. The top girl was Sarah Baier. The top fourth-grade boys were: Miles Ritchey, Andrew Camps, and Ben Morris. Mr. Christensen's class scored as the top fourth-grade classroom with a total of 209 points. All students in the running club totaled 426 miles for this week.

From **CHILI**, B1

Achievement in appreciation of the DFAC for "outstanding support to the NCO Academy."

"I've been in the Army for almost 28 years," he said, "and I've never seen the level of support from a DFAC that you guys provide ... you have helped us with our tactical Dining Ins, ANCOC (Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course)

Ice Breakers, and even a retirement ceremony just last week...your efforts are absolutely tremendous ... learn from this man (Chief Warrant Officer Brown, 11th Signal Brigade Food Technician), learn the level of support he's providing and continue that level of support."

Sgt. 1st Class Monaco McGee, the DFAC

manager, accepted the certificate.

To end the ceremony, Brown, told his cooks "You're doing a great job ... the atmosphere here is comfortable and you continue to do your job ... all I ask is that you continue to give 100% every day. ... Keep up this attitude and keep up the good work."

